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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AT 1200 HOURS JULY 27.

1. THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT YET BETWEEN MPLA AND PORTUGUESE FORCES BEGAN THE NIGHT OF JULY 26, WHEN TWO MPLA SOLDIERS SHOT AND WOUNDED TWO PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS, PRESUMABLY COMMANDOS. THE MORNING OF JULY 27 THE COMMANDOS SHOWED UP IN FORCE AT MPLA HEADQUARTERS AT VILA ALICE WITH ARMORED CARS, MORTARS AND OTHER HARDWARE. THEY BLOCKED OFF THE ENTIRE AREA AND DEMANDED THAT THE MPLA GIVE UP THE TWO CULPRITS OR ELSE. MPLA STARTED FIRING. THE COMMANDOS RESPONDED WITH EVERYTHING IN THEIR ARSENAL AND THE MPLA DEFENDERS VERY QUICKLY CALLED A TRUCE AND DELIVERED THE TWO WANTED MEN.

2. THE SHELL TANK THAT CAUGHT FIRE NEAR THE SAN PEDRO DA BARRA  
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FORTRESS ON JULY 26 CONTAINS JET FUEL AND IS STILL BURNING.

ALL TAP FLIGHTS TODAY MAY BE CANCELLED FOR LACK OF FUEL AT THE AIRPORT.

3. LATE JULY 26 MPLA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH IT SAID HOLDEN ROBERTO IS NOT LEADING HIS TROOPS. THE DOCUMENT ADDED THAT MPLA WITHDREW FROM CAXITO FOR STRATEGIC REASONS AND NOW HAS FNLA FORCES IN THE TOWN SURROUNDED.

4. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY BULLETIN OF LATE JULY 26 REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN MALANGE. 700 RESIDENTS OF THE CITY HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN A PORTUGUESE MILITARY BASE, WHICH HAS RATIONS FOR THEM ALL FOR ONLY THREE DAYS.  
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